



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

*Improving outcomes
in our community*

Filling the Gaps in the ABQ/BC
Behavioral Health System
Continuum



BUILDING THE SYSTEM

- IDENTIFIED NEEDS, GAPS & LINKAGES
 - Considered Studies Back to 2002
 - 2014 Creating Community Solutions
 - 2014 City/County Task Force
 - 2015 CPI Report
- IDENTIFIED PRIORITY POPULATION
 - High utilizers of the system

Those who experience frequent mental health related emergency room visits in a 12-month period and/or have experienced frequent encounters with law enforcement and the criminal justice system.



BHI LEVERAGES RESOURCES



**NAVIGATING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
AND LINKING SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS**

APPROACH

- COLLABORATION
 - Bernalillo County
 - City of Albuquerque
 - University of NM Hospital
 - Community Partners
- FOCUS ON IDENTIFIED 4 PRIORITY AREAS
 - Supportive Housing
 - Crisis Services
 - Community Supports
 - Prevention, Intervention and Harm Reduction



ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE STABLY HOUSED

HOW

Expand Independent Living Options
Within Evidence Based Housing Models



Permanent Supportive Housing

- Transitional Housing – **Level I:** Least Supportive Services Needed
- Scattered Site – **Level II:** More Supportive Services Needed
- Single Site – **Level III:** Most Supportive Services Needed



PROJECTS



- APPROVED TO DATE

- *Community Connections*

- **Level II:** Jail Re-Entry Diversion Service

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- **Level II:** Expanded Scattered Site PSH Service

- Youth Transitional Living

- **Level 1:** New Supportive Services for Transition-aged Youth

PROJECTS



- IN REVIEW

- Single Site

- **Level III:** New Service for High Need Individuals

- PROPOSED

- Youth Transitional Living in PSH

- **Level II:** New Jail Re-Entry Diversion Program for CYFD Aged-Out Youth

- Independent Living

- **Level 1:** Potential to Expand Recovery or Sober Living Housing for Clients Who are Higher Functioning and Employable

Benefits



- Transitional Housing – **Level 1**
 - Active Program Participation
 - Increased Employment and Sobriety
 - Less Contact with Criminal Justice System
 - Successful Exit/Transition from the Program
- Scattered Site – **Level II**
 - Connection with Mainstream Benefits
 - Reduced Recidivism
 - Fewer EMT Services Needed
 - Improved Quality of Life
- Single Site – **Level III**
 - Connection with Benefits (SSI, GA, Medicare, Medicaid)
 - Reduced Recidivism
 - Fewer EMT Services Needed
 - Medication Compliance and Stability



OUTCOMES

● SHORT-TERM

- Expediency of Housing Placement
- Connection to Supportive Services
- Access to Routine and Preventative Medical and Behavioral Health Care

● LONG-TERM

- Increased Housing Stability
- Reduced Use of Homelessness and Shelter Services
- Reduced Involvement with the Criminal Justice System
- Reduced Reliance on Emergency Medical and Behavioral Health Services

